

Town of Ayer Council Of Aging Board Meeting April 10,2023
2:00 P.M. COA Center
18R Pond Street, Ayer, MA 01432

RECEIVED
JUL 12 2023

TOWN OF AYER
TOWN CLERK



Minutes compiled by Marge Withee, Secretary COA Board
Meeting In Person at the Senior Center, 18 R Pond Street, Ayer MA 01432

In Attendance

COA Director, Katie Petrossi
COA Board Chairperson Dennis Curran
COA Board Member Marge Withee
COA Board Member Janine Nichipor
Several members of the public

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public Input
3. Approve Minutes
4. Director's monthly Senior Center report
(please review prior to meeting)
5. Building Committee update
6. Next steps in new senior center /community center process
7. Hiring search: outreach coordinator and social worker positions
8. Board vacancies
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjourn

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dennis Curran at 2:05 P.M.

2. Public Input

- a) Nancy Jacvony inquired about the status of a memorial garden donation made 2+ years ago, in the care of the former Director. The current Director explained that, prior to her arrival, approximately three quarters of the funds were used for assorted non-plant garden decorations that proved not to be appropriate for outdoor use. Nancy had requested plants, ie, a memorial garden, and had never seen anything. Barbara Wilson was present with her, as she had agreed to be the caretaker of the plants. Since the meeting, pots and flowers have been placed in front of the entrance of the Senior Center, and Dennis was going to write a letter to Nancy apologizing or for the way it had been handled by the previous staff.

3. Approve minutes

- a) Minutes were approved for December and January.

4. Director's monthly Senior Center report

a) Outreach and Social worker Positions reposted . Kevin Johnston ended his temporary placement on 4/4/2023.

b) Budget is on track.

c) Programs for Seniors

Need a closet for craft items, as these programs are growing. (knit, crochet, paint, etc)

Special Programs include: a senior center update, St. Patrick' Day party, guest speakers on Planning for Medicare, and the Forest Floor, Monthly Birthday Party, Supper Club outings, (Tiny, and Parker Maple Barn), and indoor Putt-Putt Mini Golf tournament.

5. Building Committee update

a) Appoint COA Board Member to Building Committee

Both Marge and Dennis showed interest in being on this committee, but Marge gave the nomination to Dennis.

"I make a motion that we nominate Dennis Curran to represent the COA Board on the Ayer Senior Center/ Community Center Building Committee.

Made by Marge Withee Seconded by Janine Nichipor

Votes: Marge Withee Yes Janine Nichipor Yes Dennis Curran Yes

6. Next steps in new senior center/community center process not discussed

7. Hiring search: outreach coordinator and social work positions

a) Discussion to remove from the agenda. No vote taken.

8. Board vacancies

a) Bob Gardner and Mary Markham have submitted letters to the town. Votes will be taken at the next meeting, if all paperwork is in order.

9. Old Business

a) Communication strategies : how do we communicate with each other

10. New Business

Policies and Procedures to look over

Next meeting is May 2, at 2P.M.. This is due to the Lexington COA training on May 9th.

11. Adjourn: 4:05

Dennis A. Curran
Chair
July 12, 2023